Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The bald eagle is a threatened species in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks and the Department of Agriculture have the responsibility to protect and restore endangered species in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Natural resource management benefits from an informed and involved public; and,

Whereas, Bald Eagle Awareness Days have been conducted in South Dakota since 1993, bringing an educational message about birds of prey to thousands of school-aged children and the public; and,

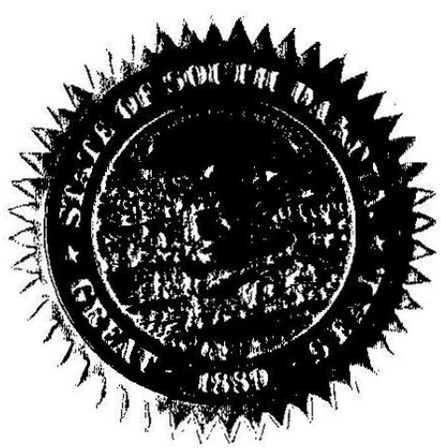
Whereas, The designation of Bald Eagle Awareness Week would expand the educational message in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Bald Eagle Awareness Days' Steering Committee desires to promote educational activities associated with bald eagles and other birds of prey in connection with Bald Eagle Awareness Week:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 23-28, 2009, as

BALD EAGLE AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State